

## **Minutes of the Monday Cycle Group AGM**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

### 1. Welcome.

The Chair, Ben Burgess, welcomed everyone to the MCG AGM. Thanks to Lianne for all the secretarial work, to Madeleine for the accounts and the steering committee for all the work. Also, thanks to Clive for maintaining the website and Shan, Trevor and Clive for looking after the Pamphill Peddlers rides and to Trevor and Madeleine for organising the buffet. Additional thanks to the leaders for organising all the rides with all the work that goes on behind each ride and to everyone for coming along tonight for making the MCG what it is. Please feel free to contribute to the meeting and to be as vocal as you would like.

### 2. Secretary's Report.

- i. Apologies from Steve Arnold, Graham & Paola Crighton, Pat Dade, Shan Edwards, Jenni McFarlane, Cynthia Neufeld, Chris Otter, Colin & Penny Parks, Nicola Rance, Rob & Dianne Wakefield, Lynette Weedon, Alison Zutshi.
- ii. The minutes of the 2021 EGM were read out and approved by those present.
- iii. Ratification of the Revised Constitution, this was approved by those present.
- iv. Membership Numbers. We currently have 98 current members, with one that has been offered but I haven't heard yet.

### 3. Treasurer's Report.

- i. The accounts cover a two year period, available funds have dropped in the last two years, but currently still healthy. The annual contribution was set at £10 and approved. It was discussed and raised by Robin about funds going elsewhere instead of Sustrans, Ukraine was suggested. However, this was discussed and whilst Ukraine was considered by everyone to be very current and worthy cause, there were many charities that people had a personal connection to and it was felt that these charities could have separate fund raising that could be supported on future occasions. A vote was taken to support Ukraine, two were in agreement with this, but the majority were against. A subsequent vote agreed that the money continued to be sent to Sustrans and the amount was kept in line with previous contributions of £300. Subs due by end of April 2022.
- ii. Current balance of the accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was £534.40.

### 4. Encouraging ride leaders. This is related to the open membership as it increases and the inevitable pressure on those leading rides and availability of places on rides. The club has evolved with the increase in numbers, mainly due to new members for the Pamphill Peddlers, although this has started to level off now. Don't want to burden the same leaders repeatedly. It was opened to the floor to see what inhibits people

from leading rides. It was discussed that the time it takes to plan a ride, some people are not keen on the admin side in collating who is on the ride and lunch details. Covid has also had a big impact and not everyone is still comfortable with being in a group. As the club numbers were now extremely close to 100 members, it was discussed and voted on regarding closing the club membership for new members at 100. The vote came in as 16 in favour of introducing a limit and 14 not wanting to introduce a limit. With the vote to reintroduce a limit just in the majority, a further vote was taken for the setting the members limit at 100, this resulted in the majority in agreement, 4 against, 1 abstained.

5. Encouraging Social activities. With things opening up it had been suggested that we could resume social activities. Maggie offered to organise a skittles evening and Lianne will look into the fireworks and boat trip. A walk with perhaps a pub at the end of it was also suggested.
6. Proposal by Clive Allen for the regrading of rides. Clive explained his document for those that hadn't previously seen it and he explained how the regrading would work. This was discussed alongside how riders interpret the current ride levels and how other ride groups grade their rides. A vote was then taken for those in favour of regrading the levels of the rides, 8 people for, 14 people against. The current ride gradings will remain in place, however, it was reiterated that riders can always ask the ride leader for further details/clarification of the ride and what level it is pitched at if they are unsure.
7. Open Discussion, questions from the floor and AOB. It was felt that most subjects had already been covered in some depth. Lianne mentioned the ride statistics from 2021, had the top riders as Clive Allen & Clive Clifford with 24 rides, closely followed by Trevor with 23.
8. Close of Meeting.

Thank you to everyone for turning up this evening, the meeting was closed at 20:45, followed by a lovely buffet organised by Madeleine & Trevor.